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MERCENARY **MARC SPECTOR** DIED AND WAS REBORN IN THE **SHADOW OF KHONSHU**, THE EGYPTIAN GOD OF THE MOON. SPECTOR BECAME **MOON KNIGHT**, THE FIST OF KHONSHU, TO FIGHT EVIL. THROUGH HIS MIDNIGHT MISSION, HE WAS THE DEFENDER OF ALL THOSE WHO TRAVEL AT NIGHT.

# VENGEANCE OF THE MOON KNIGHT

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IN THE WAKE OF **MARC SPECTOR'S DEATH**, A FAKE MOON KNIGHT TOOK UP THE MANTLE AND, IN MAKING A NAME FOR HIMSELF, INCITED INCREASED VIOLENCE AND FEAR AMONG THE CRIMINAL UNDERBELLY AND BEGAN CORRODING THE LEGACY THAT MARC HAD LEFT BEHIND. DETERMINED TO PROTECT MARC'S REPUTATION AND EVERYTHING THE MOON KNIGHT MANTLE STANDS FOR, **HUNTER'S MOON** AND **TIGRA** TOOK IT AS A PERSONAL MISSION TO BRING THIS FALSE MOON KNIGHT DOWN. USING THE MEMORIES OF A PREVIOUS FIST OF **KHONSHU**, THEY DISCOVERED THE IDENTITY OF THIS IMPOSTOR TO BE **MAX COLERIDGE**—A.K.A. **THE SHROUD!**


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THE SHROUD?

MOON KNIGHT IS THE SHROUD?

HUH.

ACCORDING TO *TIGRA*, YES.

HAVE YOU MET HIM BEFORE?

BEFORE HE WHIPPED MY ASS, YOU MEAN? DON'T THINK SO.

WELL, I--

8-BALL, I'M *SORRY*, BUT ARE YOU *CERTAIN* YOU SHOULD BE SITTING THERE?

**THE MIDNIGHT MISSION.**
*NOW.*

HONESTLY, *NO.*

BUT IT'S ABOUT THE ONLY THING KEEPING ME FROM HAVING A *NERVOUS BREAKDOWN* RIGHT NOW.

THE MOUNT.
*THEN.*

YOU COULDN'T HAVE LEFT ME ALONE!

*YOU COULDN'T HAVE LET ME BE, HUNTER'S MOON!*

NO.

*NOT WHILE YOU WEAR WHAT DOESN'T BELONG TO YOU.*

WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU *PLAYING* AT, MAX?

YOU AND MARC AND I...WE ALL GO BACK TO THE *WEST COAST AVENGERS* DAYS!

*THAT WAS A LONG TIME AGO, TIGRA.*

*THINGS CHANGE.*

*YEEK!*

YOU SHOULD HAVE *REMAINED* AS THE *SHROUD.*

*A FITTING DRESS FOR A DEAD MAN.*

NOW.

SO, LIKE... WAS THE SHROUD A *GOOD GUY* OR A *BAD GUY?*

I'M PRETTY SURE HE WAS SETTING HIMSELF UP AS THE L.A. *KINGPIN* A WHILE BACK.

HE GOES BACK AND FORTH, IT APPEARS. I TRY TO STAY CURRENT ON THESE THINGS, BUT SOMETIMES...

BUT I SUPPOSE THAT'S NOTHING NEW TO *YOU*, IS IT, 8-BALL?

OR WOULD YOU PREFER "JEFF"?

*NAH. JEFF HAGEES* IS JUST ANOTHER LOSER.

I MEAN, SO'S *8-BALL.*

BUT I'M TURNING THAT *AROUND,* RIGHT?

I'M DOING *GOOD.* I'M DOING *BETTER.* I EVEN SAVED MOON KNIGHT'S LIFE, BACK ON HART ISLAND!

*MOON KNIGHT* TURNED THINGS AROUND.

THAT MEANS *I* CAN TOO.

THEN.

"THE SHROUD."

THAT NAME STANDS ONLY FOR *FAILURE.*

WORSE: A *CRAZY* FAILURE.

MAX, *DON'T--*

EVERYONE *LEFT* ME.

NO ONE *UNDERSTOOD* ME.

THE ONLY ONE WHO *COULD* UNDERSTAND ME...

...WAS MOON KNIGHT.

AND HE'S DEAD.

NOW.

THING YOU GOT TO UNDERSTAND IS, ALL US *SUPER VILLAINS*--

--ONES WHO AREN'T *CRAZIES*, THAT IS--

--WE'RE ALL *SPIT-SCARED* OF *MOON KNIGHT.*

*EVERYONE* KNOWS WHAT HE USED TO BE LIKE.

EVERYONE *KNOWS* WHAT HE DID TO *RAUL BUSHMAN.*

AND I THOUGHT THAT WAS ALL THERE WAS TO HIM, YOU KNOW?

AND IT WAS KIND OF COOL TOO?

YOU WERE *IMPRESSED* BY HIS BRUTALITY?

I MEAN, NOT *PER SE.*

BUT HE WAS THE *BIG DOG.* AND PEOPLE RESPOND TO THAT.

SHORT OF THE *PUNISHER*, MOON KNIGHT WAS THE *SCARIEST.*

AND AT LEAST THE PUNISHER WOULD ONLY *SHOOT* YOU.

I'M NOT CERTAIN I FOLLOW.

OH, RIGHT!

IT WASN'T TILL WE WERE LOCKED UP IN THE *MYRMIDON** THAT I *UNDERSTOOD* WHAT THAT *COST* HIM.

HE'D LOST EVERYTHING-- FAMILY, FRIENDS, *EVERYTHING*-- BEING MOON KNIGHT. BECOMING THE *BIG DOG.*

BUT HE DIDN'T WANT TO BE THE *BIG DOG* ANYMORE. HE WANTED TO BE *BETTER.*

*SEE *DEVIL'S REIGN: MOON KNIGHT #1!*

THAT WAS WHEN I GOT TO *THINKING,* FOR THE FIRST TIME.

BEING A SUPER VILLAIN HADN'T GOT ME ANYWHERE.

AND IF THIS GUY, THE GUY WE ALL THOUGHT WAS SUCH A *BADASS,* WAS ABLE TO SURVIVE LOSING *EVERYTHING* AND *STILL* WANTED TO DO BETTER...

...THEN WHAT WAS STOPPING *ME?*

WHAT DID *I* HAVE TO LOSE?

MAYBE I'M NOT A BADASS. KNOWING WHAT IT COST *MOON KNIGHT,* MAYBE I DON'T WANT TO BE.

BUT SEEING WHAT WANTING TO BE *BETTER* BROUGHT HIM--THIS PLACE, THESE PEOPLE--*THAT* WAS WHAT I WANTED.

THEN.

TIGRA!

I'M GOOD!

DO WE TAKE THIS TO THE STREET?

YEAH.

HE'S GOING TO COME AFTER US.

YOU DON'T THINK HE'S GOING TO *RUN* AGAIN?

NO.

NOW THAT WE KNOW WHO HE *IS*...

...HE CAN'T LET *US* GET AWAY.

NOW.

SO, WOULD YOU SAY THAT YOU'RE A SUPER *HERO* NOW?

*AW*, I DUNNO.

SEEMS LIKE KIND OF A WEIRD THING TO CALL *YOURSELF*, RIGHT?

IT WOULD BE NICE THOUGH.

"8-BALL. *SUPER HERO*."

MAYBE I'LL GET THERE. SOMEDAY.

IF I DON'T DIE FIRST.

THAT'S...

THAT'S ALWAYS A POSSIBILITY.

WITH WHAT'S *HAPPENING*...

HEY, DON'T WORRY, DOC.

WE'RE IN THE *MIDNIGHT MISSION*. IT'LL LOOK AFTER US.

IT WILL, YES.

BUT I SPENT A LOT OF TIME WITH MARC--WITH *MOON KNIGHT*.

AND HIS CONCERN WAS ALWAYS THIS: WHO'S LOOKING AFTER THE ONES LEFT *OUT THERE?*

THEN.

HE WOULD *UNDERSTAND.*

WE WERE *FRIENDS.*

I CAN'T *BE* THE SHROUD ANYMORE. BECAUSE THE SHROUD IS *CRAZY!* THE SHROUD IS *DANGEROUS!*

JUST LIKE *MOON KNIGHT* HAD BEEN!

BUT PEOPLE *LOVE* MOON KNIGHT NOW! PEOPLE *TRUST* MOON KNIGHT, *RESPECT* MOON KNIGHT!

SO, YOU THINK THAT YOU CAN *BECOME* HIM?!

THAT YOU CAN *STEAL* THE GOOD NAME HE *WORKED HARD* TO BUILD?

THAT HE *DIED* FOR?!

I AM *HONORING* HIM!

WE FOUGHT *LORE* AND *MASTER PANDEMONIUM* TOGETHER, FOUGHT *TAURUS*...

I INVITED HIM TO JOIN MY *NIGHT SHIFT!*

AND NOW HE'S *GONE.*

AND SO I'M CARRYING ON HIS *WORK.* IN HIS *MEMORY.*

*MEMORY?*

YOU *DEFILE* MY BROTHER'S MEMORY!

YOU *EMBRACE* THE MADNESS HE LEFT BEHIND!

YOU *THREATEN* THE SAFETY HE BROUGHT!

YOU *SULLY HIS NAME* IN YOUR *THEFT* OF IT!

NO--

NO, IT'S NOT LIKE THAT--

I LOST THE *WOMAN I LOVED*--

I CAN'T *BE* THE SHROUD, NOT LIKE *THAT.*

SHE *HATES* ME NOW. DO YOU *UNDERSTAND* WHAT THAT'S *LIKE*--

NO.

BUT MARC DID.

*MOON KNIGHT* LOVED A WOMAN ONCE. WOMAN NAMED *MARLENE.*

THEY WENT WAY BACK.

THEY EVEN HAVE A *KID* TOGETHER. AND HE LOST THEM *BOTH* BECAUSE OF WHO HE *WAS,* WHAT HE *DID.*

BUT HE DIDN'T THEN STEAL *DAREDEVIL'S* NAME AND DRAG IT IN THE *DIRT.*

PTOO

HE DID THE *WORK.*

WHAT?

YOU AND MARC WERE THE *SAME.* YOU'RE *RIGHT.*

BUT HE GOT *HELP.* HE GOT *BETTER.* HE DID THE WORK TO *FIX HIS LIFE.*

BUT YOU, YOU'RE JUST A *COWARD.*

I--

NO, I--I--

MOON KNIGHT FOUGHT THE *AVENGERS,* CONQUERED FOR AN *INSANE GOD.* HE FELL ABOUT AS *LOW* AS A MAN *COULD.*

BUT HE DIED A *HERO.* A HERO I *LOVED.*

AND HE LEFT A *LEGACY.* ONE THAT HE *BUILT.* ONE THAT WE BUILT *WITH HIM.*

IT'S NOT *YOURS,* MAX. YOU *UNDERSTAND* THAT, DON'T YOU?

IF YOU WANT IT TO MEAN ANYTHING, YOU NEED TO BUILD YOUR OWN LEGACY.

DO WE...?

NO.

IT'S OVER.

MAX.

WE CAN HELP.

I KNOW SOMEONE WHO YOU CAN TALK TO. SOMEONE WHO HELPED MARC. HELPED ALL OF US.

TIGRA... I THINK-- I NEED--

I'M SORRY, I JUST WANTED IT SO BADLY--

I KNOW, MAX.

YOU JUST WANTED TO BE A HERO.

COME ON. LET'S GET OUT OF HERE.

OKAY.

OKAY--

OW.

OW, WHAT'S *HAPPENING*--

MAX, WHAT'S *GOING ON*--

TIGRA, GET *BACK*--

MAX!

CAN'T

CAN'T *CONTROL* IT ANYMORE

# Two Can Play That Game

TO BE CONTINUED...IN
**BLOOD HUNT**

NOW.

"WHO'S LOOKING AFTER THE ONES LEFT OUT THERE?"

THAT'S...

THAT'S *RIGHT.* THAT'S WHAT *MOON KNIGHT* WOULD THINK ABOUT, *ISN'T* IT?

THE MIDNIGHT MISSION ISN'T FOR PROTECTING *ME.* MAKING SURE *I'M* SAFE AND SOUND.

THE MIDNIGHT MISSION IS FOR *THEM.*

THAT'S THE *POINT* OF IT.

THAT'S WHY HE BUILT THIS.

HEY. DOC.

YOU DON'T GOT TO TELL ME IF IT'S A, YOU KNOW, *DOCTOR-PATIENT* THING.

BUT... *MOON KNIGHT.*

WAS...

WAS HE EVER AFRAID?

*ALMOST ALL THE TIME, 8-BALL.*

BUT HE NEVER LET IT STOP HIM. FOR BETTER OR WORSE.

OKAY.

FOUND THE *SWORDS.*

WHAT, YOU'RE *COMING,* 8-BALL? I THOUGHT YOU WERE GOING TO HOLD DOWN THE FORT.

NO.

NO, REESE, SOLDIER, I'M GOING WITH *YOU.* I'M CALLING MY *SHOT.*

*8-BALL, CORNER POCKET!*

TIGRA'S VICTORY WAS SHORT-LIVED, AS THE DARKFORCE ENERGY FROM WHICH MAX'S POWERS ARE DERIVED EXPLODED FROM THE CONFINES OF HIS BODY AND HIS CONTROL. WITH DARKFORCE USERS THE WORLD OVER SUFFERING SIMILAR FATES, THE COMBINED ENERGIES FROM THEIR UNLEASHED ABILITIES BLOTTED OUT THE SUN. NOW, WITH KHONSHU LOCKED AWAY IN AN ASGARDIAN PRISON AND THE WORLD TRAPPED IN A SEEMINGLY ETERNAL NIGHT, VAMPIRES HAVE DESCENDED UPON THE CITY, AND IT'S UP TO THE MIDNIGHT MISSION TO SAVE EVERYONE THEY CAN.

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"UNDER THE SAME MOON"

**NEW YORK CITY.**
*MIDNIGHT MISSION TERRITORY.*

"HERE'S WHAT'S GOING ON, AS BEST AS I UNDERSTAND IT.

"THE SKY WENT DARK...AND THEN THE ***VAMPIRES*** CAME OUT.

"AN ARMY OF THEM. RUNNING WILD ON THE STREETS ***HERE***... AND THE ***REST*** OF THE WORLD TOO.

"THAT'S THE ***BAD*** NEWS."

WHAT'S--

WHAT'S THE ***GOOD NEWS?***

THE GOOD NEWS?

THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT THE *MIDNIGHT MISSION* REMAINS.

AND WE'VE GOT VAMPIRES OF OUR *OWN.*

I'M *REESE,* THIS IS *SOLDIER,* AND THE WEIRDO IS *8-BALL.* WE'RE ON *YOUR* SIDE.

COME ON, LET'S GET YOU TO SAFETY.

VAMPIRES?!

YOU'RE ONE OF *THEM!*

YEAH, OKAY, I *AM* A VAMPIRE.

BUT I'M ON *YOUR SIDE--*

BLAM

SON OF A--

GET *BACK*, REESE, I'M KICKING THE DOOR DOWN.

SOLDIER, STOP.

REESE, LET ME GO--

STOP.

WE CAN'T *MAKE* HIM COME WITH US.

HE'LL *DIE* IF WE LEAVE HIM!

MAYBE. MAYBE NOT.

THINK. WE'RE *VAMPIRES.* IN A *VAMPIRE APOCALYPSE.*

THE *MINUTE* WE'RE SEEN *DRAGGING* SOMEONE *KICKING AND SCREAMING* FROM THEIR HOME, THAT'S THE MINUTE PEOPLE STOP *TRUSTING US.*

AND THEN THAT'S IT.

FORGET SILVER BLADES, STAKES, WHATEVER.

IT'S *TRUST* THAT'S OUR MOST IMPORTANT WEAPON.

WITHOUT *THAT?*

A WHOLE LOT *MORE* PEOPLE DIE, BECAUSE THEY WON'T TRUST US TO HELP THEM.

WE'VE GOT *OTHERS* TO LOOK OUT FOR.

"VAMPIRES.

"THAT'S HOW I GOT INTO WHATEVER THE HELL MY LIFE IS *NOW*.

"A YEAR OR TWO AGO, A VAMPIRIC PYRAMID-SCHEME CULT CALLED THE *STRUCTURE* SNATCHED ME AND A FEW OTHERS. *TURNED* US.

"TRIED TO MAKE US LIKE *THEY* WERE, A PART OF THEIR *ORGANIZATION*.

"*HE* FOUND ME BEFORE THAT COULD HAPPEN.

"MOON KNIGHT.

"HE SAVED ME. SPARED ME. GAVE ME A JOB.

CONTACT!

"GAVE ME THE *MISSION.*

FEED THEM SOME *SILVER.*

"HE'S *DEAD* NOW.

"TO PROTECT THE *TRAVELERS AT NIGHT.*

"BUT HE LEFT US HIS *BLADES* AND HIS NEED TO *USE* THEM.

"AND WITH THE SKIES LIKE *THIS...*

"...WE'RE *ALL TRAVELERS AT NIGHT.*

YOU'RE LIKE *US!*

WHY ARE YOU *PROTECTING* THE *PREY--*

"SOLDIER WASN'T TURNED LIKE *I* WAS.

"HE WAS INFECTED WHEN A BULLET I TRIED TO STOP WITH MY OWN BODY PUNCHED RIGHT THROUGH *ME* AND INTO *HIM.*

*BECAUSE WE'RE NOTHING LIKE YOU.*

"THE...*CONDITION* NEVER *BOTHERED* HIM LIKE IT HAS ME.

THEN YOU'RE *TRAITORS...*

...AND THERE'S NO PLACE FOR *TRAITORS* IN THE *NEW WORLD!*

"AS FAR AS *HE'S* CONCERNED, IT JUST MAKES HIM BETTER AT HIS *JOB.*

"ANOTHER *SACRIFICE* AS A *SOLDIER* OF THE *MIDNIGHT MISSION.*

"AND THERE'S *NOTHING* SOLDIER WOULDN'T SACRIFICE FOR THE MISSION.

KA-BLAMMM

"AND THEN THERE'S *THAT* ONE.

"8-BALL.

I--

I GOT 'EM!

HAHAHA!

"LOSER SUPER-CRIMINAL TURNED MIDNIGHT MISSION CONVERT.

LET'S GO!

THERE'RE MORE COMING!

"AND KEEPING US TOGETHER, THE PLACE MOON KNIGHT BUILT--

"--THE *MIDNIGHT MISSION.*

IS THERE ROOM FOR *ALL* OF US?

THAT'S NOT A PROBLEM.

THE MIDNIGHT MISSION'S GOT ROOM FOR *ALL* THE TRAVELERS AT NIGHT.

DOCTOR STERMAN.

GOT ANOTHER GROUP, NO LOSSES.

THANK GOD.

ARE YOU A VAMPIRE TOO?

NO, I'M A THERAPIST.

AH.

YOU GOOD? WE'VE GOT TO HEAD OUT AGAIN.

I'LL MANAGE. SOLDIER'S MOTHER HAS BEEN A GREAT HELP.

ARE *YOU* GOOD?

I'LL...I'LL *MANAGE.*

"I DON'T GET TIRED ANYMORE, NOT REALLY.

"I JUST GET *HUNGRY.*

ALL RIGHT.

KEEP EVERYONE INSIDE, AND THE MISSION WILL KEEP YOU SAFE.

"AS LONG AS I HAVE BLOOD, MY BODY CAN GO AS LONG AS IT HAS TO.

LET'S GO.

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"BUT MY BODY IS ONE THING.

"MY *MIND* IS ANOTHER.

ANYTHING?

NOPE...

"MY *SPIRIT*.

...NOTHING.

DEAD. LET'S KEEP MOVING.

REESE, YOU GOOD?

I'M GOOD.

YOU *SURE?*

I JUST--

I'VE NEVER SEEN *SO MANY* DEAD PEOPLE BEFORE.

FIGHTING ON THE STREET IS *ONE* THING...BUT THIS IS A *MASSACRE--*

*OH.*

OH GOD.

I--

DAMN IT, I--

REESE!

REESE, YOU *OKAY?*

"I ONLY BREATHE SO I CAN TALK.

"I'VE FORGOTTEN WHAT IT'S LIKE TO HAVE A HEARTBEAT.

*NOT NOW, DAMN IT. NOT NOW--*

"BUT ALL THAT DOESN'T MATTER.

"ALL YOU NEED TO HAVE A ***PANIC ATTACK*** IS A ***BRAIN*** AND A SURPLUS OF ***STRESS.***

HEY, HEY.

IT'S OKAY. I'M GOING TO PUT MY ARM AROUND YOU.

LEAVE HER.

THIS ISN'T A TIME FOR *CODDLING,* KID.

NOT ANYMORE.

YULAN.

*HELP* ME--

NO.

YOU, ME, HER, *ALL* OF US, WE *TRIED* TO LIVE IN THE WORLD WE KNEW. THE *HUMAN* WORLD.

*SOMEONE KILLED THAT WORLD.*

AND I DON'T THINK THIS *NEW* WORLD HAS ANY SPACE FOR *WEAKNESS.*

SHE NEEDS TO *HARDEN HER HEART.* YOU *BOTH* DO.

THIS IS A WORLD FOR *MONSTERS.*

AND IF YOU OR I ARE GOING TO SURVIVE, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO GET USED TO *BEING* MONSTERS.

YOU TRACKED US DOWN TO TELL US THAT?

NO.

TO TELL YOU THIS: I'VE LOCKED DOWN CHINATOWN. IT'S *MINE.*

YOU TWO ARE OF *MY BLOODLINE,* THE *ONLY TWO* OUTSIDE OF CHINATOWN. THERE IS A PLACE FOR YOU.

AND OUR *PEOPLE?*

HOW MANY OF YOUR *BRIDES* CAN YOU LEND US TO MOVE THEM FROM THE MISSION TO CHINATOWN?

YOU MISUNDERSTAND ME. I CAME FOR *YOU.*

NOT YOUR *PEOPLE.*

I HAVE PEOPLE ENOUGH OF MY *OWN* TO LOOK AFTER.

*NO DEAL.*

SCREW OFF BACK TO CHINATOWN, YULAN.

*MOON KNIGHT* NEVER LEFT ANYONE BEHIND.

WE DON'T *EITHER.*

YEAH? AND HOW DID THAT WORK OUT FOR MOON KNIGHT?

HE DIED.

BUT HE DIED A *HERO.* DIED SAVING *THIS CITY.*

CHINATOWN *INCLUDED.*

*HE DIED A HERO SO YOU COULD LIVE AS A MONSTER.*

*AND IS IT A GOOD IDEA TO ANTAGONIZE MONSTERS?*

A *BABY VAMPIRE* SO *YOUNG,* SO *WEAK,* THAT SHE STILL HAS *PANIC ATTACKS* LIKE A *HUMAN?*

AM I STUTTERING *NOW,* YULAN?

AN IMMORTAL ASSASSIN'S *BLADE* AT MY NECK, AM I PANICKING *NOW?*

DO I SEEM SCARED NOW?

HE MADE *YOU* AS CRAZY AS *HE* WAS.

*ALL* OF YOU. HE MADE YOU *CRAZY.*

MAYBE.

BUT *YOU* SPENT A *LONG TIME* STAYING *SANE,* YULAN. YOU *WORKED HARD* TO KEEP YOUR IMMORTALITY FROM MAKING *YOU* CRAZY.

THIS ISN'T THE TIME TO THROW IT ALL AWAY.

THE SUN *WILL* RISE AGAIN.

YOU SAY THAT BECAUSE YOU'RE YOUNG. YOU *REMEMBER THE SUN.*

I HAVEN'T SEEN IT IN *SEVEN HUNDRED YEARS.*

THANKS FOR ALL THE *HELP*, 8-BALL.

I DIDN'T EVEN *SEE* HER PULL HER SWORD! WHAT WAS *I* SUPPOSED TO *DO?*

YOU FEELING BETTER?

YEAH. IT WAS JUST ALL THE *DEATH.* I...

I...

I MADE A *MISTAKE.*

SOLDIER, 8-BALL, FOLLOW THE PLAN.

GET AS MANY SURVIVORS INTO THE MISSION AS YOU CAN.

WAIT, YOU'RE GOING OFF ON YOUR OWN?

YEAH.

*MOON KNIGHT* NEVER LEFT ANYONE BEHIND.

*WE DON'T EITHER.*

"WHICH BRINGS US..."

...TO *NOW.*

I'M NOT GOING TO MAKE YOU COME OUT.

BUT I'M NOT GOING TO LEAVE YOU BEHIND.

SO I'M GOING TO WAIT HERE, AND IF ANY VAMPIRES COME LOOKING FOR YOU, I'LL KILL THEM.

BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT *HE* WOULD DO.

SO.

YOU KNOW ANY GOOD JOKES?

IS HE *REALLY* DEAD?

YEAH.

AND YOU'RE *REALLY* CONTINUING HIS WORK?

FOR MY SINS, I GUESS.

WHAT?

FORGET IT.

CREAAAAAK

HUH?

I THINK...

I THINK I'D LIKE TO GO WITH YOU.

COME ON.

LET'S GET THE HELL OUT OF HERE.

OKAY, LET'S STEP QUICK--

WHAT? WHAT IS--

*OH MY GOD.*

THEY *DID* IT.

THEY *DID IT.*

#5 STORMBREAKERS VARIANT BY **MARTIN COCCOLO & JESUS ABURTOV**

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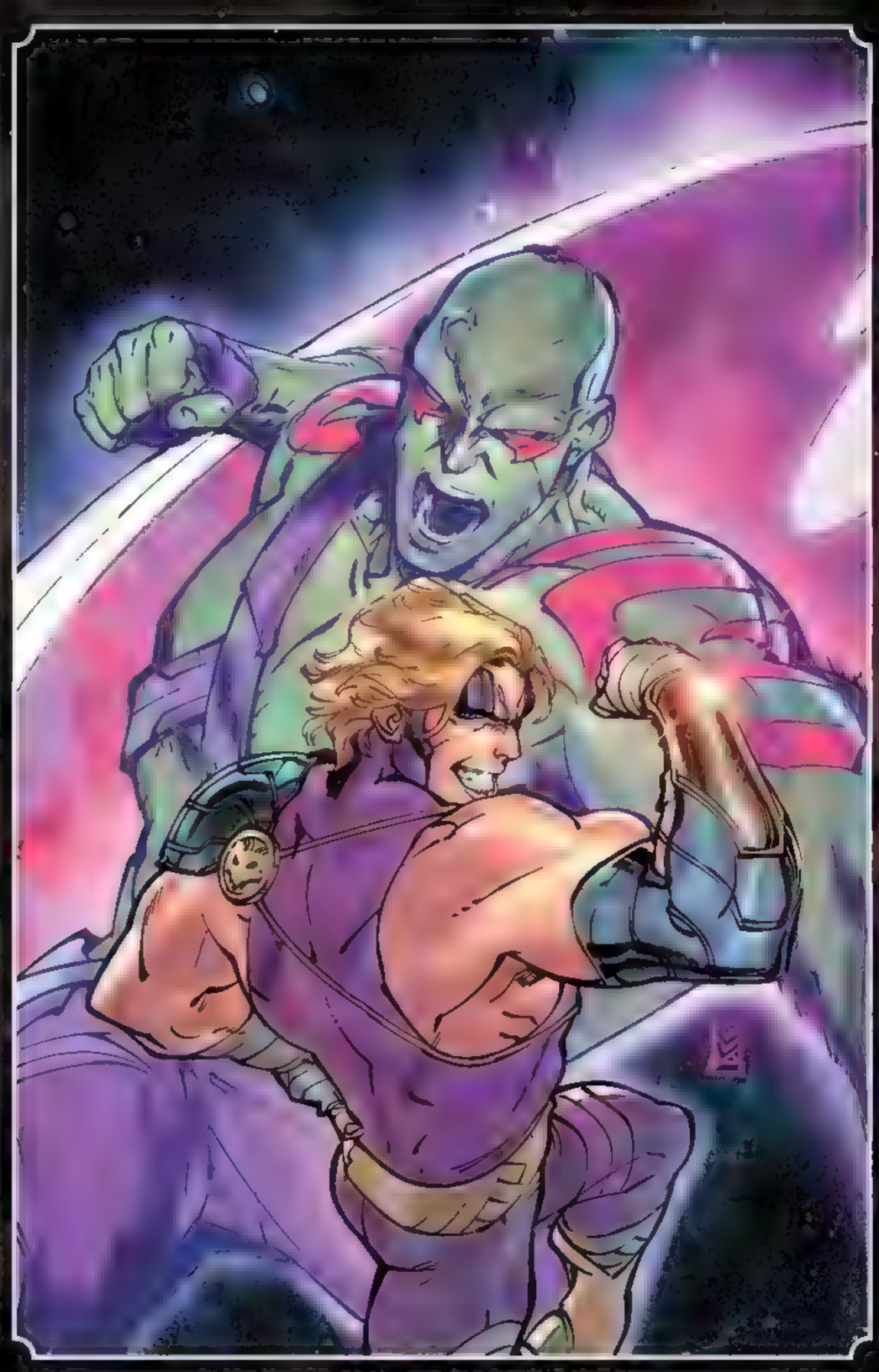

#6 STORMBREAKERS VARIANT BY **C.F. VILLA & FEDERICO BLEE**

HUNTER'S MOON AND TIGRA HAVE BEEN RECRUITED BY THE AVENGERS TO FORMULATE A WAY TO FIGHT THE VAMPIRES EN MASSE. TOGETHER, THE TWO OF THEM HAVE BRAINSTORMED A DESPERATE PLAN TO TRY TO TURN THE TIDES... NOW ALL THAT REMAINS IS TO SEE THEIR GAMBLE THROUGH AND HOPE IT PAYS OFF.

THE WORLD IS UNDER *ATTACK.*

SKY'S GONE BLACK, *VAMPIRES* EVERYWHERE, IT'S BAD.

AND SOMEHOW, I'VE GOTTEN TANGLED UP IN *AVENGERS* BUSINESS AGAIN, TRYING TO END IT.

WHICH IS WHY I'M NOT IN THE STREETS, ON THE FRONT LINES.

INSTEAD, I'M HERE.

IN *ASGARD.*

*UNINVITED.*

YOU OKAY, HUNTER'S MOON?

MY LIFE WAS IRREVOCABLY ALTERED WHEN I ACCEPTED THAT *ONE* GOD WAS REAL, TIGRA.

I AM NOW LOOKING OVER A *CITY* OF GODS.

IT IS...*A GREAT DEAL* TO PROCESS.

I'M SORRY, SOMETIMES I FORGET HOW *NEW* YOU ARE TO ALL OF THIS.

I'VE BEEN AT THIS FOR SO LONG THAT I TAKE SIGHTS LIKE THIS FOR GRANTED.

DON'T GET *TOO* JADED, CATGIRL.

IF THE GODS CATCH THE *TWO OF YOU* CREEPING AROUND, THEY'LL JUST BE *CONFUSED.*

BUT IF THEY CATCH *ME* WITH YOU...

YEAH, YEAH, YOU'RE THE *BIG BAD SUPER VILLAIN,* I GOT IT.

YOU'RE *GODS-DAMNED* RIGHT.

HE'S NOT WRONG.

HUNTER'S MOON AND I MET UP WITH WHAT'S LEFT OF THE AVENGERS, WHAT'S LEFT OF DOCTOR STRANGE.

IT WAS A *WAR COUNCIL.*

AND OUR JOB WAS TO *RAISE* AN *ARMY.*

WHICH IS WHY WE HAD *CLEA STRANGE* SEND US TO ASGARD WITH HER MAGIC.

THEY DIDN'T ASK *WHERE* EXACTLY OUR PLAN CAME FROM.

WHICH WAS GOOD. BECAUSE I DIDN'T WANT TO LIE TO THEM.

ALL OF THIS, PLANNING A RIP AND RUN ON *ASGARD* OF ALL PLACES...

...WE'VE BEEN PUTTING THIS TOGETHER FOR AGES.

BECAUSE I *WANT* TO HELP SAVE THE WORLD.

I *WANT* TO SAVE LIVES.

BUT I ALSO WANT TO SAVE *ONE LIFE.*

*AND THIS IS HOW I DO BOTH.*

HELLO, FATHER. I'VE COME FOR YOU.

MY LOVING SON.

SO KIND TO VISIT YOUR FATHER. BUT FOOLISH, I FEAR.

I HAVE NO POWER TO LEND YOU IN OPENING MY CELL, AND YOU HAVE NO KEY FOR THESE LOCKS.

YOU ARE CORRECT, FATHER.

I HAVE NO POWER TO OPEN THIS DOOR, NO KEY.

BUT I HAVE BROUGHT SOMETHING BETTER.

WHAT BETTER TOOL TO OPEN AN ASGARDIAN PRISON...

...THAN AN ASGARDIAN CROWBAR?

NICE TO MEETCHA, PAL.

THEY CALL ME THE WRECKER.

THIS IS THE PLAN.

WE'RE GOING TO FREE AN INSANE MOON GOD.

AND WE ENLISTED A SUPER VILLAIN TO DO IT.

ALL BECAUSE A MAN I LOVED DIED.

I COULDN'T SAVE MARC.

→GRUNT!←

BUT FOR THE *FIRST TIME...*

WISH... *THOR...WAS HERE...*

JUST TO... SEE THE *LOOK...* ON HIS STUPID *FACE...*

*...I CAN DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT.*

FREE.

FREE.

SMASH

I AM FREE!!!

WE DID IT.

GOD HELP US, WE DID IT.

FATHER!

GREATEST OF THE GREAT GODS!

*FATHER!*

BE NOT AFRAID, MY SON.

MY BELOVED SON.

YOU ARE SAFE IN YOUR FATHER'S HAND.

WHERE--

ARE WE STILL IN *ASGARD?*

NO, DAUGHTER.

I AM RETURNED TO MY *OWN* REALM, MY OWN SEAT OF *POWER*, AFTER SO LONG.

YOU YOURSELF HAVE VISITED IT *BEFORE*, WITH MY OTHER SON.

THEN--

--YOU'RE *FREE*, YOU HAVE *THE POWER* NOW--

I MEAN--

I--

WHERE--

WHERE *IS* HE--

A GREAT CRIME HAS BEEN INFLICTED UPON THE WORLD.

AN UNNATURAL NIGHT--WITH NO MOON.

AND SO I HAVE GATHERED MY *CHILDREN*, MY *FISTS*, FROM TIME IMMEMORIAL TO THE PRESENT.

BECAUSE EVERY PERSON ON EARTH IS NOW A TRAVELER BY NIGHT.

MY FISTS HAVE NO BLOOD TO BE DRUNK, NO LIVES TO BE LOST, NO FEAR TO BE STIRRED.

WIELDING THE MOON'S OWN SILVER FROM MY ARMORIES.

DAMN YOU, OLD BIRD!

I HAD YOU FREED, SO ANSWER ME!

IS THIS--

ARE YOU TELLING ME...THAT MARC CAN'T BE RESURRECTED?

IS HE LIKE THE OTHER DEAD FISTS?

A--A ZOMBIE?

YOU DOUBT ME?

YOU BELIEVE THAT I WOULD FAIL MY SON?

THAT I WOULD RESURRECT HIM MINDLESS, AS HIS SIBLINGS HAVE BECOME AFTER THEIR MANY RESURRECTIONS?

NO.

MARC SPECTOR IS MY MOON KNIGHT.

AND HE WILL LEAD THEM.

MARC.

GREER.

THIS LIFE. THIS LIFE I LEAD, THE WORLD I LIVE IN.

IT'S *UNFAIR*, THIS LIFE.

EVEN IN *JOY*, THERE'S *PAIN.*

AND THE TWO ARE *NEVER* IN EQUAL MEASURE.

IN EVERY *VICTORY*, THERE'S *LOSS.*

SO WHY DO I DO IT? WHY DO I *KEEP FIGHTING?*

BECAUSE IN ALL THE PAIN, ALL THE LOSS, I *HOPE.*

I HOPE THERE'S A *MOMENT.*

A MOMENT THAT MAKES IT ALL *WORTH* IT.

A MOMENT LIKE THIS.

I--

I BROKE MY *PROMISE*-- I PROMISED YOU THAT I'D COME *BACK* FOR YOU, BUT I *DIED*--

SHH.

YOU'RE BACK *NOW.*

AND WE HAVE *WORK.*

RIGHT.

WORK. OUR *PEOPLE.*

WHAT'S THE PLAN?

WE GO TO *WAR,* MY SON.

VAMPIRE SCUM SPILL BLOOD ACROSS THE WORLD IN THE NIGHT, MY NIGHT.

BROTHER.

I AM...I AM *GLAD* TO SEE YOU WELL.

YOU WILL LEAD A CADRE OF YOUR SIBLINGS INTO THE HEART OF THE BATTLE.

THE *AVENGERS* DO BATTLE WITH THE ARCHITECT OF THIS ATROCITY.

I'M GOING *WITH* HIM--

NO.

WE DO BATTLE ON A GLOBAL SCALE.

YOU WILL LEAD ANOTHER CADRE OF MY WARRIORS, DAUGHTER, AS WILL MY YOUNGER, *FAITHFUL* SON.

IT WILL BE *DONE,* FATHER.

YOU WILL *JOIN* THEM AND SHOW THE WORLD HOW *YOUR FATHER* PROTECTS TRAVELERS BY NIGHT.

LISTEN, I DID *MY* PART, AND I'M READY TO GET OUT OF HERE.

I PUT MORE'N A LITTLE *EGG* ON THE ASGARDIANS' *FACES*, AND NOW I GOT SOME *MONEY* COMING TO ME--

DAMN.

NEVER TOOK YOU FOR A *CHICKENHEART*, WRECKER.

*CHICKENHEART--*

LISTEN TO *ME*, MOON KNIGHT, I THROW DOWN WITH *THOR*. THE SCRAP'S NEVER *EXISTED* THAT I'D TURN DOWN--

THEN THE WRECKER STANDS WITH US, KHONSHU.

HEY! I DIDN'T *SAY--*

"KHONSHU."

...

CAN YOU NOT SAY IT? EVEN NOW?

THANK YOU.

THANK YOU FOR MY *LIFE*.

*...FATHER.*

TO WAR! TO WAR!

TO WAR!

MY SYMBOL SHINES IN THE SKY--OUR BATTLE STANDARD! OUR CHALLENGE TO OUR ENEMIES!

NO MATTER *WHAT* HAPPENS, NO MATTER *WHAT*...

...I'LL *KEEP* MY PROMISE THIS TIME.

*I'M COMING BACK FOR YOU, GREER.*

YOU'D BETTER.

BECAUSE I'VE GOT ABOUT ONE RESURRECTION SCHEME IN ME, AND IT'S BEEN ALL USED UP.

I *MEAN* IT.

"VAMPIRES--

"--GODS--

"--MANIACS--

"--MONSTERS...

NEW YORK CITY.

"...NOTHING WILL STOP ME COMING BACK FOR YOU."

"THEY SAY MOMENTS LIKE THESE COME IN THREES.

"I'M INCLINED TO AGREE.

SO...DOES ANYONE KNOW JUST *HOW* TOUGH THE MIDNIGHT MISSION IS, REESE?

WELL, *I* HAVEN'T FIGURED OUT A WAY TO *ASK* IT, SOLDIER.

MARC WAS GOING TO TRY TO *BLOW IT UP* BEFORE IT CAME OVER TO OUR SIDE, BUT IT NEVER CAME TO THAT.

WELL...

...LOOKS LIKE IT'S *COME* TO THAT.

IF THOSE VAMPS RAM THAT GAS TRUCK INTO THE MISSION--

I DUNNO IF IT CAN TAKE *THAT.*

IT'S NOT GOING TO *HAVE TO.*

WITH 8-BALL OUT SCAVENGING SUPPLIES, IT'S JUST YOU AND ME. YOU GOT ANOTHER SCUFF IN YOU?

I'VE *ALWAYS* GOT ANOTHER IN ME.

NO, YOU DON'T.

YOU TWO HAVEN'T BEEN *FEEDING* SINCE WE RAN OUT OF BLOOD BAGS.

YOU'RE GETTING *WEAK.*

I'M NOT GOING TO DRINK *YOUR BLOOD--*

DR. STERMAN'S, RIGHT.

IF WE'RE DOING THIS, WE NEED IT.

...

YOU DIDN'T DRAW TOO MUCH, DID YOU?

I'M A *DOCTOR,* REESE.

BESIDES, IF THEY BLOW THAT FUEL TRUCK ON OUR STOOP, THE CONCEPT OF "TOO MUCH" WILL BE *ACADEMIC.*

GOD. TALKING TO MY *MEAL.*

*THIS* IS WHY I WAS A *VEGAN.*

OKAY. YOU GOT A PLAN?

WE SECURE THE TRUCK--WE SECURE OUR TERRITORY.

THE MIDNIGHT MISSION IS THE PRIMARY OBJECTIVE, BUT WE DON'T WANT THEM DETONATING THE TRUCK ANYWHERE IN THE TERRITORY.

"THAT WAS WHEN IT HAPPENED.

"IN ALL THE HORROR, ON A NIGHT WHEN I THOUGHT I COULDN'T GET ANY MORE SCARED...

"...A MOMENT OF ABSOLUTE *TERROR.*

"FROM THE NIGHT I WAS TURNED, I'VE BEEN AFRAID OF THIS MOMENT.

REESE, GET IN THE *SHADE--*

"THE MOMENT THE SUN CAUGHT ME.

I DON'T UNDERSTAND.

WE SHOULD BE *BURNING--*

WE *SHOULD* BE.

BUT WE'RE *NOT.*

WAIT--

WAIT, I'M NOT *BURNING--*

"A MOMENT OF TERROR.

"THEN A MOMENT OF *JOY.*

"I HADN'T SEEN THE SUN SINCE I'D BEEN TURNED, SINCE I MET MARC, SINCE I BECAME PART OF THE MIDNIGHT MISSION.

"MY *EVERY DAY* SINCE THEN HAD BEEN A *NIGHT.*

"EXCEPT FOR THIS ONE.

"A MOMENT OF JOY.

*REESE!*

"BUT MOMENTS DON'T *LAST.*

*THEY'RE* NOT BURNING *EITHER!*

"IF ANYTHING, IT WAS *WORSE* IN THE SUN.

"CUTTING DOWN VAMPIRES AT *NIGHT* WAS ONE THING.

"DOING IT BY *DAYLIGHT* SEEMED *OBSCENE.*

"LIKE A SPRAY OF *BLOOD* ON A *BOUQUET.*

*DO IT!*

*BLOW UP THE TRUCK **NOW!***

IT'S NOT *CLOSE* ENOUGH!

*DO IT BEFORE THEY KILL US **ALL!***

OKAY, OKAY!

NO, DON'T--

TOO LATE, YOU BLOOD TRAITORS--

SHUNK

"MOMENTS.

"FLEETING. COMING IN THREES.

"A MOMENT OF TERROR.

"A MOMENT OF JOY.

"AND A MOMENT OF AWE.

"HUNTER'S MOON.

"TIGRA.

"MOON KNIGHT?!

IS IT REAL THIS TIME--

REESE, YOU GOTTA *TELL ME*-- IT'S *FOR REAL* THIS TIME?

IT'S...

...IT'S *HIM.*

HE'S BACK.

THEY DID IT.

THEY BROUGHT HIM HOME.

HEY.

SO WHAT--DO WE HUG NOW OR SOMETHING?

REESE.

WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU *WEARING?*

→SNIFF←

YOU'RE *STILL* NOT FUNNY.

YOU TWO... YOU STEPPED *UP.*

THANK YOU FOR TAKING CARE OF THE MISSION.

AND FOR WHAT YOU DID TO BRING ME BACK.

ALL OF YOU.

WE, *UH,* OWE *THE WRECKER* A *LOT* OF MONEY, BOSS.

AND HE'LL *GET* IT.

THAT WAS GOOD *TWO-BIRDS* THINKING--WE PAY OFF THE WRECKER, AND HE'S NOT GOING TO BE KNOCKING OVER BANKS FOR A LITTLE WHILE.

KEEPS HIM OFF THE BOARD FOR A BIT.

SO WHAT'S UP? DID YOU GUYS *FIX THE SKY?*

HONESTLY, I HAVE NO IDEA.

I'M NOT THE *BIG-PICTURE* GUY-- I JUST JUMPED INTO THE FIGHT AND HELPED THE AVENGERS BATTLE BLADE.

*BLADE?!*

YEAH, HE WAS POSSESSED BY THE SPIRIT OF THE FIRST VAMPIRE. KICKED ALL THIS OFF.

GOD.

I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT THIS IS MY LIFE. UNLIFE. WHATEVER.

SO.

*WHAT'S NEXT, BOSS?*

NEXT?

NEXT, WE TAKE OUR TERRITORY BACK.

"WE SCOURED *OUR STREETS.*

"WE TOOK BACK *OUR BLOCKS.*

"WE LOOKED AFTER *OUR PEOPLE.*

"WE PUNISHED *OUR ENEMIES.*

"BY THE TIME NIGHT FELL, OUR STREETS WERE *SECURED.*

"AND WE MADE SURE EVERYONE *KNEW* IT."

GOD.

HE'S GOT ME *TALKING* LIKE HIM NOW.

IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE IT'S OVER.

HARD TO BELIEVE HE'S *BACK.*

HE'S *BACK.*

AND I SAW THE *SUN,* DR. STERMAN.

THE *SUN.*

FELT IT ON MY *SKIN.*

DOCTOR.

I HOPE YOU HAVE SOME SPACE IN YOUR *SCHEDULE.*

HELLO, MARC. IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN.

AND OF *COURSE* I DO. THOUGH FROM WHAT *REESE* TELLS ME, IT DOESN'T SOUND LIKE THE AVENGERS WILL BE ENFORCING YOUR *MANDATORY THERAPY* ANYMORE.

*OUR WORK* STOPPED BEING ABOUT THE *AVENGERS* A *LONG TIME* AGO, DR. STERMAN.

AND I'D LIKE TO *CONTINUE* THAT WORK.

HEY! I FOUND PLENTY OF FOOD, AND THE *SUN* CAME BACK!

AND IT LOOKS LIKE THE *VAMPIRES* ARE ALL *GONE*--

*AAAAH!*

*MOON KNIGHT?!*

*8-BALL.*

LISTEN, I'VE BEEN *HELPING!*

I'M--I'M ON THE *MIDNIGHT MISSION* CREW NOW. I'M A *GOOD GUY NOW*--

...

*GOOD JOB.*

ALL RIGHT.

I NEED A MINUTE WITH THE MISSION.

REESE, I NEED YOU TO--

NO.

YOU'VE BEEN RUNNING THIS PLACE ON YOUR OWN FOR SO LONG. ALL OF YOU.

YOU DON'T NEED ME TO TELL YOU WHAT TO DO.

GREER...I KNOW WE'VE BARELY STOPPED MOVING SINCE ASGARD.

BUT I JUST NEED A MINUTE.

AND THEN I'LL BE BACK.

YOU HAD BETTER BE.

IT'S *JUST YOU AND I* NOW.

ARE YOU GOING TO *TALK* TO ME?

NO, NOT *YOU*, MISSION.

YOU AND I DON'T *HAVE* TO TALK, DO WE?

YOU AND I *UNDERSTAND* ONE ANOTHER.

NO, I'M TALKING TO THE *OTHER* ONE.

WHAT DO YOU *WANT*, KHONSHU?

YOU *KNOW* WHAT I WANT, MARC.

I WANT THE *INSULT* AGAINST ME AVENGED.

YOU HAVE TO KILL THE *PRETENDER*. THE *IMPOSTOR*. THE *FALSE PRIEST*.

YOU HAVE TO KILL *MOON KNIGHT*.

REUNITED, **MOON KNIGHT** AND HIS MIDNIGHT MISSION WERE ABLE TO DEFEAT THE VAMPIRE FORCES THREATENING THE MISSION. BUT NOW THAT THE BATTLE IS OVER, THERE IS A DEBT TO BE PAID AS KHONSHU IS NOT A GOD TO GIVE OUT FAVORS LIGHTLY. AND THE ONLY THING HE WANTS THAT CAN BALANCE THE SCALES?

THE DEATH OF THE FALSE MOON KNIGHT.

9 "THE KILLING OF MOON KNIGHT"

THEN.*

I NEED YOUR HELP.

NOW.

BUT I AM IMPRISONED, MARC. IN SHINING ASGARD. BY YOUR HAND.

*MOON KNIGHT #11!

KHONSHU, WHO IS THE DEFENDER. THE EMBRACER. THE TRAVELER.

THE PATHFINDER.

FIND ME A PATH TO MY TEMPLE, FATHER.

THERE WILL BE A PRICE.

THERE ALWAYS IS.

AND YOU'LL HAVE IT.

NOW.

NO.

NOT NOW.

I HAVE *BUSINESS* TO ATTEND TO.

YES, I KNOW.

BUT IT IS *OUR* BUSINESS.

YOU'RE TALKING TO YOURSELF.

IT'S FREAKING PEOPLE OUT.

GOOD.

I *LIKE* IT WHEN PEOPLE ARE A *LITTLE SCARED,* REESE.

IT KEEPS THEM FROM COMING TO ME WITH *EVERY LITTLE THING.*

LOOK AT THIS GUY.

BACK FROM THE DEAD A COUPLE DAYS AND ALREADY *BIG-LEAGUING* EVERYONE.

HEY NOW.

I KEEP MY PEOPLE *SAFE.*

BUT *I'M* HERE--*WE'RE* HERE-- TO DEAL WITH THE THINGS THEY CAN'T DEAL WITH *THEMSELVES.*

HA! COME ON, MAN.

"YOU *REALLY* THINK NO ONE KNOWS YOU FIXED MS. BANERJEE'S SINK THE OTHER DAY?"

সাবধান! বন্ধ ওয়াশ

HEY.

SHUT UP.

SHE DOESN'T KNOW, DOES SHE?

HEH. WHATEVER YOU SAY, BOSS.

SHE DOESN'T KNOW THAT YOU PETITIONED YOUR LOVING FATHER FOR AID IN ORDER TO SAVE HER LIFE.

WHICH I GRANTED YOU.

I FOUND A PATH FOR YOU TO YOUR TEMPLE, SO YOU AND THE WERE-WOMAN COULD DO VIOLENCE TO ZODIAC AND HIS CREATURES.*

*MOON KNIGHT #12!

SO YOU COULD SAVE THIS BLOOD-DRINKING CHILD YOU LOVE.

I TOLD YOU THERE WOULD BE A PRICE, MARC.

AND I HAVE TOLD YOU WHICH LIFE I WANT.

AND YOU TOLD ME I WOULD HAVE IT.

YOU OWE ME A LIFE.

TELL ME ABOUT THIS IMPOSTOR, HUNTER'S MOON.

I'M TOLD HE WAS AN ACQUAINTANCE OF YOURS.

MAXIMILLIAN COLERIDGE. THE *SHROUD.*

HE WENT WILD ON THE STREETS, DRESSED IN STOLEN SYMBOLS.

HE WAS *DANGEROUS.*

SOUNDS LIKE SOMEONE *ELSE* I KNOW.

*HRN.*

BE THAT AS IT MAY.

*YOU'VE* BEEN A FIST OF KHONSHU SINCE YOUR FIRST DEATH.

YOU HAVE A *RIGHT* TO THE VESTMENTS WE BOTH WEAR, REGARDLESS OF WHAT YOU'VE DONE IN THEM.

HE DID NOT.

*DOES NOT.*

WHERE DID YOU LEAVE HIM?

HE WAS LAIRING IN THE OLD MOUNT BUILDING, THE PLACE WHERE YOU DIED.

WE FOUGHT HIM THERE, MADE HIM SEE THE ERROR OF HIS WAYS...AND HE THEN EXPLODED INTO A DARKFORCE GEYSER.

WHAT IS THIS *ABOUT*, BROTHER?

I OWE KHONSHU A LIFE.

AND HE WANTS THIS "MOON KNIGHT" *DEAD.* AS PAYMENT FOR HIS HELP WITH THE *ZODIAC* THING.

AH.

*COLERIDGE'S* LIFE FOR *REESE'S.*

KHONSHU IS *FREE* NOW.

IF I RENEGE ON MY DEBT... HE CAN *ACT* ON IT.

SHE'S NOT *SAFE* IF I DON'T DO THIS.

OUR FATHER IS A *JEALOUS GOD,* BROTHER.

A *FALSE FIST* IS A *GRAVE OFFENSE* TO HIS NAME.

"AND THE GODS HAVE EVER REQUIRED *SACRIFICE.*"

→KAFF←

→KAFF←

THERE YOU ARE.

"MOON KNIGHT."

THAT VOICE--

OH GOD. IT'S *YOU.* YOU'RE *BACK.*

LISTEN, I WAS *WRONG.* I MADE A *MISTAKE.*

TIGRA *SHOWED* ME--

*PUT* ON THE MASK.

I--

WHAT?

PUT ON THE *MASK*, "MOON KNIGHT."

I DON'T UNDERSTAND.

YOU'RE RIGHT. YOU *DON'T.*

WHEN YOU TOOK MY NAME, YOU DIDN'T JUST OFFEND MY FRIENDS.

YOU OFFENDED A *GOD.*

AND GODS ARE ONLY SATIATED BY BLOOD, *MOON KNIGHT.*

IT DOESN'T MATTER.

ONE WAY OR ANOTHER, *MOON KNIGHT DIES TONIGHT.*

SO *PUT ON THE MASK.*

STOP *CALLING* ME THAT!

I *UNDERSTAND* WHAT I DID WAS *WRONG!*

I'LL GIVE UP THE SUIT!

SO BE IT.

THAT'S MORE LIKE IT.

COME ON, MOON KNIGHT.

YOU'RE BETTER THAN THIS.

WHAT THE HELL IS WRONG WITH YOU?

I'VE GIVEN UP! YOU'RE GOING TO KILL ME FOR IT?

YOU WERE CULT OF KALI, MOON KNIGHT.

STOP IT! STOP CALLING ME THA--

WHAT DID THEY DO TO SOMEONE WHO THEIR GOD WAS PISSED OFF AT?

IF *YOU'RE* NO BETTER THAN THE *CULT OF KALI* WAS...

...MAYBE YOU *SHOULDN'T* BE MOON KNIGHT.

*NOW* YOU'RE GETTING IT.

THIS IS KILL OR BE KILLED.

KRAS

SHHH

*UGGHHDD!!!*

→KAFF←

→KAFF←

UGH, GOD--

YES. A GOD.

LIKE I SAID:

NOW YOU'RE GETTING IT.

YOU'RE HOLDING BACK.

YOU FOUGHT HUNTER'S MOON AND TIGRA TO A *STANDSTILL.*

*COME ON!*

THIS HAS TO BE *REAL,* MOON KNIGHT!

YOU'RE FIGHTING FOR *YOUR LIFE!*

UPON YOUR OWN HEAD BE IT.

*DARKFORCE IT IS.*

AH!

AGGKK.

→KAFF←

→KAFF←

→HAKK←

BLANG

DARKFORCE POWERS NOT DOING SO WELL AFTER THE WHOLE *BLOOD HUNT EXPERIENCE*, HUH?

IT'S BEEN A DIFFICULT TIME.

BUT I'VE TRAINED FOR LONGER THAN *YOU* HAVE, MOON KNIGHT.

I DON'T *NEED* THEM.

SHOW ME.

GLLLK!!!

GGLLLKK!!!

GLLLK--

GGGGLLK--

IT'S *DONE*, BROTHER.

*HE'S DEAD.*

THE BAR WITH NO NAME.

IF YOU FOUGHT THE HULK YOU DRINK FOR FREE!!

HELLO.

I'VE BEEN GONE A WHILE.

BUT NOW I'M BACK.

BECAUSE I ALWAYS COME BACK.

I'M MOON KNIGHT.

NOTHING CAN KILL ME. DO YOU UNDERSTAND?

NOTHING CAN KILL ME.

BUT THE GUY WHO'S BEEN RUNNING AROUND USING MY NAME CAN'T SAY THE SAME.

SO OUR UNDERSTANDING? IT STANDS.

STAY OUT OF MY TERRITORY.

AND DON'T SAY I NEVER DID ANYTHING FOR YOU.

THE MIDNIGHT MISSION.

I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT HAPPENED.

WHAT *HAPPENED*, MAX, IS WHAT *HAD* TO HAPPEN.

YOU, *MOON KNIGHT*, DIED.

TO SAVE YOUR LIFE, I HAD TO *KILL* YOU. STOP YOUR *HEART*.

AND THEN *DR. BADR* HERE DEFIBRILLATED YOU AND GOT IT *GOING* AGAIN.

*HRN*.

THIS IS A *DANGEROUS GAME*, BROTHER.

DANGEROUS GAMES ARE THE ONLY ONES WORTH *PLAYING*.

AND YOU WON THE *PRIZE*, MAX.

YOU GET TO *LIVE*. EVEN AFTER A *GOD* CALLED FOR YOUR DEATH.

I GAVE YOU YOUR *LIFE* BACK. YOU *OWE* ME.

SO GET *HELP*, MAX.

DO THE *WORK*.

DO YOU THINK YOURSELF CLEVER, MY SON?

I'VE *NEVER* BEEN CLEVER. BUT I'VE ALWAYS BEEN *OBSTINATE.*

I WON'T *MURDER* FOR YOU, KHONSHU. AND YOU CAN'T *MAKE* ME.

YOU OWED ME A LIFE--

AND YOU *GOT* ONE.

THE IMPOSTOR MOON KNIGHT IS *DEAD, NEVER* TO RETURN.

THAT IS NOT WHAT I WANTED--

I AM NOT *CONCERNED* WITH WHAT *YOU WANT,* OLD BIRD!

A SACRIFICE TO A GOD IS *ALWAYS* SYMBOLIC.

THE IMPOSTOR'S *SKIN* HANGS PINNED IN A PLACE OF THOSE WHO HOLD *ME,* AND THEREFORE *YOU,* IN *TERROR.*

I HAVE *SATISFIED* YOUR DEMANDS. I HAVE *PAID* MY DEBT.

AND BEFORE YOU THREATEN *REESE* OR *ANY* OF MY MIDNIGHT MISSION AGAIN...

...THINK ABOUT *YOUR OWN* DEBT TO THEM, *FATHER.*

YOU OWE THEM YOUR *FREEDOM.*

MOON KNIGHT IS DEAD.

*LONG LIVE MOON KNIGHT.*

TO BE CONTINUED...

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So what was to be done? I couldn't claim I was bullied into it, it was my idea—I remember being at NYCC in 2022, sitting at Alessandro's table as I hyped up what I'd already known the last page of MOON KNIGHT #30 was going to look like: the Midnight Mission, brought together through their grief to carry on the work of their absent friend, and that was well before I'd sold Tom on the whole idea (which only happened once I realized how I could dovetail MOON KNIGHT into BLOOD HUNT and kill as many birds as I wanted with but the one stone). No, this was all upon my own head.

Which led me to think of what exactly is important about a super-hero death. The importance of making the moment feel earned, feel visceral and impactful enough that the logical part of your mind that's telling you "don't worry, he's back soon" gets drowned out by an involuntary wailing chorus of your emotions. Of showing what the world is like without that character, for however long that might be, that grief and loss burning hot and bright like an exposed nerve in a cracked tooth. MOON KNIGHT was a series about achieving redemption, while VENGEANCE was one about legacy, and the grief that comes with that.

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How can we help?

Jed MacKay
Nova Scotia, July 2024

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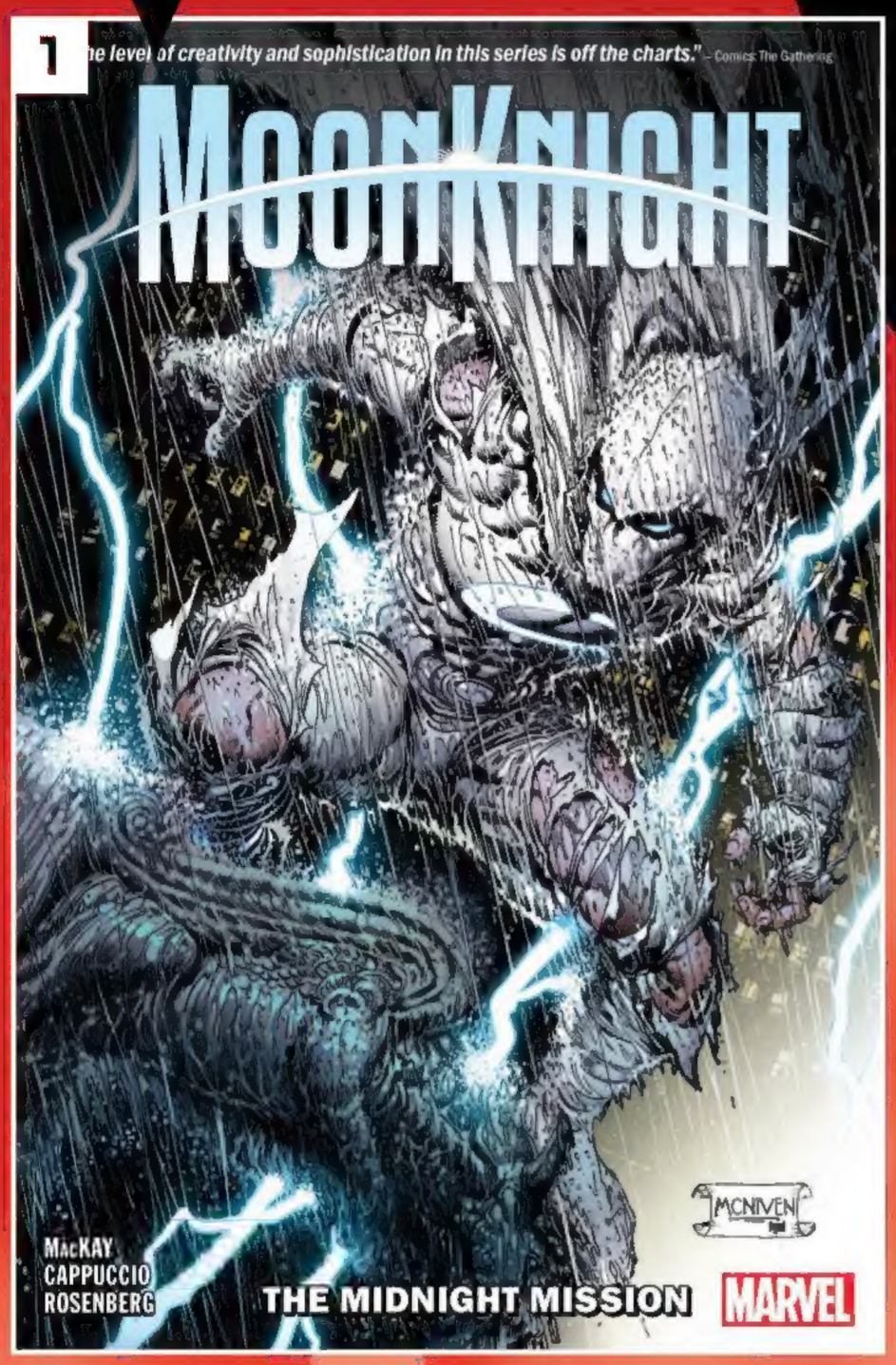


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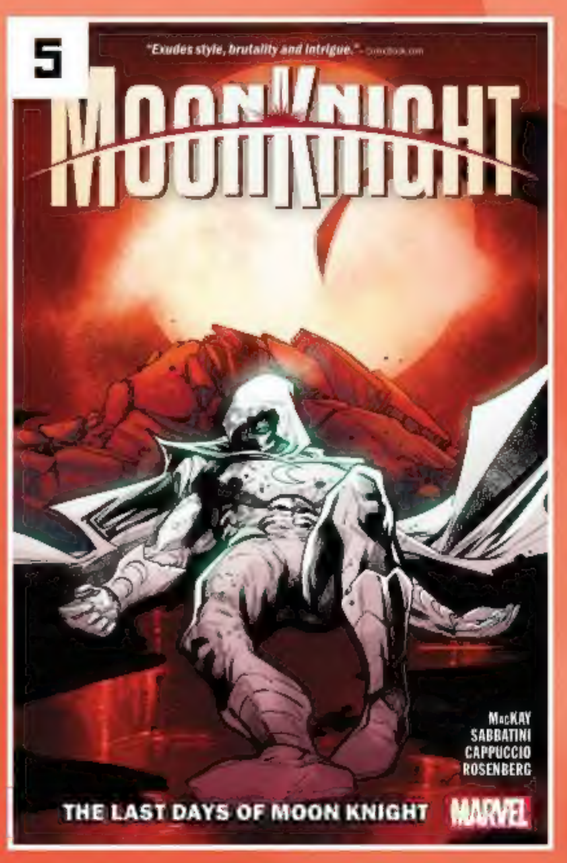


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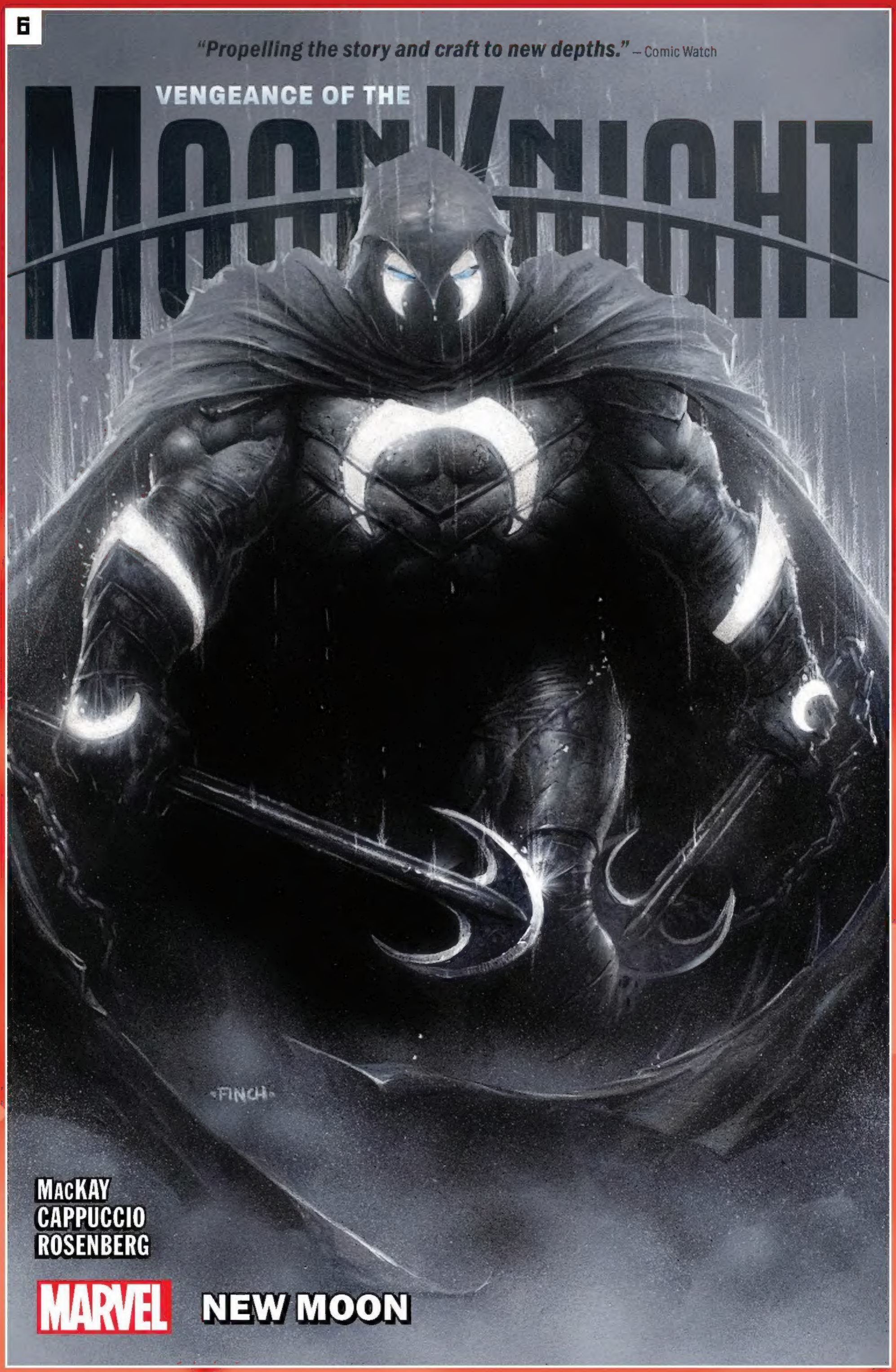


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